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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY FOR THE SECRETARY

SPECIAL SUMMARY NO 2.

AMONG ITEMS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPEATED TO THE SECRETARY ARE:

1. KOSYGIN STRESSES DESIRE FOR CLOSER US- USSR ECONOMIC TIES

PREMIER KOSYGIN STRESSED TO EX- IM BANK CHAIRMAN KEARNS ON
MARCH 30 THE SOVIET UNION' S DESIRE FOR INCREASED ECON-
OMIC RELATIONS WITH THE US, EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS.

KOSYGIN NOTED THAT CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IS
GROWING AND OBSERVED THAT THE USSR IS NOT INTERESTED IN

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MONETARY CHAOS. HE EMPHASIZED HIS COUNTRY' S INTEREST IN EXPANDING TWO- WAY TRADE AND ENGAGING IN LARGE- SCALE VENTURES WHICH WOULD PLACE ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON A REAL AND SOUND BASIS. THE USSR NEEDS CREDITS ON THE MOST FAVORABLE TERMS, KOSYGIN SAID, BUT THE US WOULD NOT FIND MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION ELSEWHERE. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 3561, 3/31 (LIMDIS).

2. YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC REQUESTS URGENT ARMS ASSISTANCE

YAR PRIME MINISTER HAJIR CALLED IN CHARGE NEWTON MARCH 30

TO INFORM HIM THAT THE YARG BELIEVES THE PEOPLE' S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN IS MASSING TROOPS IN PREPARATION FOR AN ARMED ATTACK ON THE YAR. HAJIR REQUESTED THAT US MILITARY HELP, EITHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA, BE SPEEDED UP. THE YARG HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SAUDI ARABIA. AS OF APRIL 1, THE DEPARTMENT' S OPERATIONS CENTER AND THE NSA OPERATIONS CENTER HAD NO INFORMATION CORROBORATING THE YARG REPORT. (SECRET) SANAA 510, 3/30; 517, 3/31; STATE 059826, 3/30 (EXDIS).

3. MBFR: SOVIET RESPONSE ON HUNGARIAN ISSUE

THE SOVIET MBFR REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH THE US REPRESENTATIVE MARCH 30 AND, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, DEVELOPED A TEXT OF THE PROCEDURES PAPER ALONG THE LINES OF THE FEBRUARY 8 ALLIED PAPER WITH HUNGARY IN THE CATEGORY OF SPECIAL PARTICIPANT. THE TEXT ALSO CONTAINED AN ENLARGEMENT FOR - MULA, EMBASSY VIENNA REPORTS. OUR REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDED THAT THE PACKAGE WAS SOLELY TO THE UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE OF THE SOVIETS. (SECRET) VIENNA 2621, 3/31 (EXDIS).

4. ALGERIAN BORROWING MAY REACH BILLION IN MARCH

THE US INTERESTS SECTION IN ALGIERS OBSERVES THAT WITH THE EX- IM LOAN FOR THE EL PASO PROJECT AND OTHER RECENT LOANS THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA WILL HAVE BORROWED ALMOST ONE BILLION DOLLARS DURING MARCH. THE INTERESTS SECTION SUSPECTS THAT SILENCE BY THE GOVERNMENT PRESS INDICATES THE GOA WILL WANT TO MAKE A LARGE SPLASH IN PROCLAIMING ITS OBVIOUS CREDIT- WORTHINESS. (LIMITED SECRET

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OFFICIAL USE) ALGIERS 776, 3/30.

5. SAIGON ANNOUNCES ACCEPTANCE OF AMBASSADOR MARTIN

SAIGON RADIO IN VIETNAMESE ANNOUNCED APRIL 1 THE APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR MARTIN TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR BUNKER. A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER WAS A SINCERE FRIEND OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THAT HE HAD GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO PROMOTING AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD RETURN TO SAIGON SO THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID HIM FAREWELL. (UNCLASSIFIED) FBIS 19, 4/1/73.

6. INDOCHINA MILITARY ACTIVITIES

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, 18 MAJOR AND 91 MINOR CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 1600 PACIFIC TIME ON MARCH 31. IN CAMBODIA, ROUTES 2 AND 4, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH, ARE CLOSED DUE TO ENEMY COMBAT ACTIVITY. (SECRET) OPREP 4, DAO SAIGON, 3/31 AND CAMBODIAN DAMSREP, 4/1.

AIR OPERATIONS: IN CAMBODIA US TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND GUNSHIPS FLEW 165 SORTIES WHILE USAF B52' S FLEW 59 ARC LIGHT SORTIES ON MARCH 30. (SECRET) NMCC TELECON, 4/1.

7. JAPANESE OFFICIALS TO VISIT DRV ABOUT APRIL 20?

A TOKYO PAPER REPORTED APRIL 1 THAT A JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION WILL DEPART FOR NORTH VIETNAM ABOUT APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF INDOCHINA. THE GROUP WILL REPORTEDLY ALSO TRY TO CONTACT PRG SOURCES IN HANOI. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
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HOPES TO DECIDE ON JAPAN' S POLICY TOWARD INDOCHINA IN EARLY MAY, THE PAPER CLAIMS. (UNCLASSIFIED FBIS 33, 4/1 FROM TOKYO NIHON KEIZAI,4/1. RUSH

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